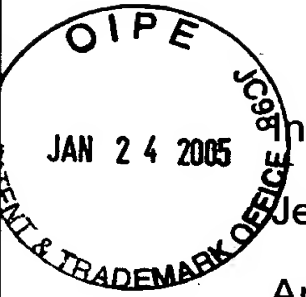


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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004, Applicants submit herewith the following Response and Petition for two month Extension of Time, extending the period for response from November 24, 2004 to January 24, 2004.